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1. SUMMARY. SOVIET PRESS HAS TAKEN LOW PROFILE APPROACH  
TO SPANISH EVENTS, BUT TASS INTERVIEW WITH MOSCOW-  
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BASED PCE CHAIRMAN DOLORES IBARRURI PRINTED IN PRAVDA

NOVEMBER 22 APPEARS TO INDICATE SOVIETS HAVE MADE SOME JUDGMENTS ABOUT WHERE THINGS STAND AND WHERE THEY WANT THEM TO GO. TRADEOFF APPEARS TO BE PRO-SOVIET STATEMENTS BY IBARRURI IN RETURN FOR SOVIET SUPPORT OF CURRENT PCE UNITED FRONT REFORMIST TACTICS IN SPAIN. WE SUSPECT THIS MEANS SOVIETS HAVE DECIDED THAT THE PCE IS THE HORSE THEY WILL HAVE TO RUN WITH, AND THAT THEY MUST CASH IN THE CHIPS THEY HAVE ACCUMULATED WITH IBARRURI OVER THE YEARS TO GET IN THE RUNNING. END SUMMARY.

2. THE CAUTIOUS SOVIET PRESS PLAY ON SPANISH EVENTS SINCE FRANCO'S DEATH HAS NOT COME DOWN DEFINITELY ON EITHER SIDE OF THE QUESTION OF WHETHER REFORM IS POSSIBLE NOW THAT FRANCO IS GONE. A BRIEF PARAGRAPH IN PRAVDA'S AUTHORITATIVE WEEKLY REVIEW NOVEMBER 23 NOTED ONLY THAT THE "REACTIONARY OLIGARCHY" WILL DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO CONTINUE FRANCOISM WITHOUT FRANCO, BUT THAT THE "WORKING CLASS, WORKERS, ALLEDEMOCRATIC FORCES OF THE COUNTRY" FIRMLY INTEND TO CARRY OUT FUNDAMENTAL CHANGES. A BRIEF TASS ITEM IN PRAVDA NOVEMBER 24 IS ALSO BALANCED IN ITS TREATMENT OF JUAN CARLOS' SPEECH THE PREVIOUS DAY: IT HAS HIM CALLING FOR CONTINUITY IN SOME RESPECTS, BUT ALSO "INTIMATING" THAT REFORMS ARE POSSIBLE.

3. LA PASIONARIA'S TASS INTERVIEW IN PRAVDA NOVEMBER 22 STRIKES A DIFFERENT KIND OF BALANCE, IT SEEMS TO US. THIS IS HER SECOND APPEARANCE IN PRAVDA IN 1975 (AN ARTICLE SIGNED BY HER APPEARED IN MARCH), AND SEEMS TO MARK A FURTHER STEP IN THE CPSU PCE RAPPROCHEMENT PROCESS WHICH BEGAN IN OCTOBER 1974. IBARRURI SPELLS OUT THE LENGTHY HISTORY OF THE PCE TACTIC OF "NATIONAL ACCORD" AND CREATION OF A UNIFIED ANTI-FASCIST FRONT WITH THE BROADEST POSSIBLE POLITICAL BASE. AT THE SAME TIME, SHE ACKNOWLEDGES THE CPSU'S ROLE IN THE WORLD COMMUNIST MOVEMENT WITH UNPRECEDENTED GENEROSITY.

4. SPECIFICALLY WITH REGARD TO THE CURRENT DOMESTIC SITUATION IN SPAIN, IBARRURI SPEAKS WARMLY OF THE RECENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE PCE-LED FRONT CONTAINING "REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MOST DISPARATE LAYERS OF SOCIETY" AND

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THE "OTHER ANTI-FRANCO ORGANIZATION" MADE UP OF CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS, SOCIALISTS AND "REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER FORCES." AS IMMEDIATE TASKS, SHE LAYS OUT "DEMOCRATIC GENERAL ELECTIONS" AND THE RELEASE OF POLITICAL PRISONERS AND ADVOCATES THE BEGINNING OF A MASS CAMPAIGN FOR THE LATTER GOAL. IT MAY BE WORTH NOTING THAT THE NOVEMBER 25 PRAVDA ALSO CARRIES EXCERPTS FROM A LUIGI LONGO UNITA ARTICLE ON SPAIN WHICH DWELLS ON

THE NEED FOR "STRUGGLE BY ALL POLITICAL AND SOCIAL FORCES" TO BRING ABOUT FUNDAMENTAL CHANGE.

5. AFTER "DEMOCRATIC CHANGES" HAVE TAKEN PLACE, IBARRURI GOES ON, THE NATION WILL PEN "FRIENDLY RELATIONS" WITH ALL STATES. HARKING BACK TO REPUBLICAN SPAIN, SHE RECALLS THAT RELATIONS WITH THE USSR WERE "VERY FRIENDLY" AND THAT SOVIET ASSISTANCE TO THE SPANISH PEOPLE WAS "TREMENDOUS." SHE POINTS OUT THAT "YOUNG SPANISH EMIGRANTS" FROM THAT TIME HAVE RECEIVED TECHNICAL EDUCATIONS IN THE USSR, AND THAT THIS "WILL BE OF TREMENDOUS ASSISTANCE TO DEMOCRATIC SPAIN." "SPECIALISTS EDUCATED IN THE USSR WILL PLAY A BIG ROLE IN THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF OUR COUNTRY."

6. COMMENT. "DEMOCRATIC GENERAL ELECTIONS" AND UNITED FRONTS EXTENDING BEYOND THE SOCIALISTS HAVE NOT BEEN UNIFORMLY POPULAR ITEMS IN SOVIET POLITICAL VOCABULARY IN RECENT MONTHS, BEGINNING WITH ZARODOV'S AUGUST 6 ARTICLE IN PRAVDA. IF THE SOVIETS MADE THE JUDGMENT THAT IBARRURI'S PRO-SOVIET STATEMENTS MADE IT WORTH-WHILE TO PRINT PCE (AND PCI) POSITIONS CONCERNING THESE TACTICS, IT IS PROBABLY BECAUSE THEY SEE SANTIAGO CARRILLO'S PCE AS THE ONLY AVAILABLE VEHICLE FOR ASSERTING THEIR OWN ROLE IN SPAIN, AND LA PASIONARIA, WITH HER YEARS IN MOSCOW, AS THEIR BEST VEHICLE FOR GETTING CLOSE TO THE PCE. END COMMENT.  
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